

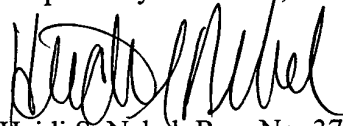
### REMARKS

The cross reference to a related application was inadvertently omitted from the application and the Patent Data Sheet, claiming priority to U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/264,987 filed January 30, 2001 and U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/284,067 filed April 16, 2001. It is respectfully requested that this information be added to the application. This amendment is being filed within the four-month time period allowed and no fees or extensions of time are believed to be due in connection with this amendment; however, consider this a request for any extension inadvertently omitted, and charge any additional fees to Deposit Account No. 26-0084.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with markings to show changes made."

Reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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**AMENDMENT — VERSION WITH MARKINGS  
TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

**In the Specification**

Page 1, line 31, before the paragraph beginning "BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION", the following paragraph was added:

**--CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

This application claims priority to U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/264,987 filed January 30, 2001 and U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/284,067 filed April 16, 2001.--